

EARTH CARE **SUMMIT**

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5 TO 8:30 P.M.

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Highland Christian Center
7600 NE Glisan, Portland

PROGRAM

- 5 p.m. **Display Tables and Registration**
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner display tables**
- **Welcome and Introductions**
Rev. Mark Brocker, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton;
David Leslie, EMO Executive Director
 - **Prayer**—Matt Cato, Office of Life, Justice and Peace of the
Archdiocese of Portland
- 6 p.m. **Welcome from Highland**
The Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr., Highland Christian Center
- 6:10 p.m. **Keynote**—The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr.
- 6:30 p.m. **Congregation Case Study:**
Building Community through Land Care
- 6:45 p.m. **Dessert and Display Tables**—The Foyer
- 7 p.m. **Facilitated Roundtable 1**
- 7:30 p.m. **Break/Switch Groups**
- 7:45 p.m. **Facilitated Roundtable 2**
- 8:15 p.m. **Closing Blessing**—Mike Branch, Muslim Educational Trust
Advisory Board Member
- 8:20 **Feedback and Adjourn**
- 8:30 p.m. **End**

** Coffee and specialty drinks available for purchase at the Holy Grounds Café in the foyer. Proceeds go to Highland Christian Center. Tea available at no cost in the foyer.*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIO

The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr. is pastor of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, incoming EMO Board President and Vice President of Albina Ministerial Alliance. He is also the Presiding Elder for the Oregon, Washington and Alaska CME churches of the Alaska Pacific Region. Dr. Haynes is passionate about community issues and campaigns for the rights of the people and has received numerous awards and recognition for his perseverance and dedication. He is a native of Beaumont, Texas.

ROUNDTABLE 1

7 to 7:30 p.m.

■ **Healthy Homes and Environmental Justice (Roundtable)**

Location: Balcony 200

Learn about ways you can raise awareness in your congregation of the chemicals found in the home that may affect human health, empower individuals from your congregation to reduce their exposure to these chemicals and train others to do the same.

Facilitators: Kimie Ueoka, Josiah Hill Medical Clinic; Elisa Harrigan and Dung Ho, Community Alliance of Tenants.

■ **Theological Perspectives on Environmental Justice (Presentation)**

Location: Lower Level Classroom 2

What are some key theological issues around environmental justice? What can faith communities learn from the Civil Rights movement as they address issues of environmental justice? Learn from and dialogue with our keynote speaker to gain deeper insights into environmental justice and faith.

Facilitator: The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., Incoming President of the EMO Board of Directors and Pastor of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

■ **Everyone Wins with a Green Economy (Presentation)**

Location: Lower Level Classroom 1

Those who are heavily invested in maintaining the status quo of our fossil fuel economy have rather successfully convinced the American people and the media that we can either have jobs and a strong economy OR protect the environment. Nothing could be further from the truth. A green energy economy provides more jobs per kWh and more jobs per \$ spent on energy, while moving us away from dependence on finite fossil fuel resources that take ever more extreme and destructive measures to extract from the depths of the earth. This presentation will provide information about policies that can move us rapidly toward a renewable energy economy while providing jobs and revenue in our local economies.

Facilitators: Kathleen Newman, Oregon Interfaith Power and Light; Judy Barnes, Oregonians for Renewable Energy Policy.

■ **Caring for Watersheds and Wildlife (Roundtable)**

Location: Fellowship Hall, back

Most congregations can take steps to make their grounds friendlier to wildlife. These steps can make your grounds a better resource for education and spiritual refreshment, as well as creating opportunities to connect with the community. Learn about a number of projects congregations have undertaken in the Portland area and receive a copy of INEC's brand new *Congregations and Watershed Stewardship Handbook*.

Facilitators: Jen Seamons, Southwest Watershed Resource Center; Jim Ruyle, retired clergy and INEC volunteer.

■ Food Justice (Roundtable)

Location: Sanctuary, left side

Food Justice, what does it mean? How can we cut through the barriers to safe and equitable practices and products for all people. Discussion about what congregations have done, and are doing to get involved.

Facilitators: Monica Cuneo, Marketing and Membership Manager at People's Food Co-op and member of the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council; Leslie Pohl-Kosbau, EMO Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns Steering Committee Member.

■ Building Recycling for Good (Presentation)

Location: Balcony 202

The June Key Delta Community Center is a Brownfield site turned living building demonstration project in north Portland, Oregon. Owned by the Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., this grassroots effort is a collaboration of public and private partnerships committed to achieving sustainable development for communities historically burdened by environmental, health, economic, educational and social disparities. It is an example of how the triple bottom line of sustainable development—equity, economics empowerment (50-60 percent minority, women and small business workforce)—and environmental stewardship can be attained.

Facilitator: Christine W. Poole-Jones, June Key Delta.

■ Weaving Celebration and Ritual into Earth Care, Part 1 (Roundtable)

Location: Sanctuary, right side

For people of faith, caring for the Earth is more than a set of tasks to be done; it's a sacred experience that heals both the practitioners and the Earth at the same time. In this two-part roundtable, we'll practice and reflect on a variety of techniques and resources for spiritually nourishing ourselves and our communities through ritual and celebration. Part one will focus on our weekly worship liturgies, and part two will focus on alternative practices woven into our work of Earth care.

Facilitators: The Rev. Katherine Jesch, former Director of Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, and INEC Steering Committee Member; Pastor Robyn Hartwig, St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

■ Environmental Justice and Transit Equity (Roundtable)

Location: Fellowship Hall Stage

Public transit provides access to opportunities for basic human rights: employment, education and positive healthy outcomes. This is especially true for low-income communities and communities of color that depend on transit the most. Public transit investments also support regional health, reducing air toxics and greenhouse gases, and grows the green economy. OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon and our Bus Riders Unite transit justice program is focused on building a collective voice of transit riders to more meaningfully participate in transportation decision-making and ensure that TriMet adheres to transit equity principles—putting the needs of those who depend on transit first. We will discuss ways in which transit justice and civil rights intersect and how bus organizing can empower low-income communities and people of color to wield greater power in transportation decision-making.

Facilitator: Jon Ostar, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon.

■ **Cool Congregations Lifestyle Campaign (Presentation)**

Location: Balcony 201

Equip a team from your congregation to conduct a nationally tested program to help members of congregations reduce their carbon footprint and at the same time build community and save money. Pat Carter has implemented this program at Milwaukie Presbyterian with great success. Hear how they did it and how your congregation might do the same.

Facilitator: Pat Carter, Milwaukie Presbyterian. **Resource:** Don Shaw, Energy Trust.

ROUNDTABLE 2

7:45 to 8:15 p.m.

■ **Environmental Justice and Transit Equity (Roundtable)**

Location: Fellowship Hall Stage

See previous description under Roundtable 1.

■ **Environmental Justice: Background & Principles (Presentation)**

Location: Lower Level Classroom 1

What are the key principles of environmental justice and to what extent are those reflected in our state and national laws? What is the connection between environmental justice and civil rights? This presentation will explore some key background and history, for those who want a foundation to reflect ethically and understand the bigger picture of environmental justice.

Facilitator: Robert Collin, Willamette University Public Policy Research Center, and author of *The EPA: Cleaning Up America's Act*.

■ **Healthy and Sustainable Food for Your Congregation (Roundtable)**

Location: Fellowship Hall, back

Come learn how to help your congregation create a culture of health and wellness through policies, education and action. This informative session will center on empowering your congregation to adopt a foundation that supports nutrition and healthy living for congregation members and your surrounding community. We will also discuss resources for integrating sustainability into efforts to promote healthy eating.

Facilitator: Corey McAuliffe, EMO's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership.

■ **Faith and the Farm Bill (Roundtable)**

Location: Sanctuary, left side

This year, Congress is scheduled to reauthorize the farm bill—an important piece of federal legislation that impacts nearly every aspect of our food system, including domestic and international nutrition programs, conservation and rural development. This roundtable will look at the far-reaching influence this legislation has on economic and environmental justice issues across the country and in Oregon. Learn how to educate your congregation and take action on this critical issue.

Facilitators: Jeff Kleen, Oregon Food Bank; Sean McEvoy, EMO's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership.

■ **Environmental Justice and Health (Presentation)**

Location: Balcony 200

Communities of faith are concerned about the well-being of the most vulnerable including children, people of color, and people with low-incomes. Focusing on toxics that we come into contact with on a daily basis, learn about the principles of environmental health and justice, resources for educating congregants, and opportunities for taking action on community and policy levels.

Facilitator: Maye Thompson, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

■ **Green Jobs through Weatherization (Presentation)**

Location: Lower Level Classroom 2

Home energy use contributes significantly to carbon emissions, even more than cars. But it's easy to take action! Join Weatherize for Good representatives as we discuss innovative and easy programs in Oregon to improve the efficiency of your home and reduce carbon emissions, all while creating quality jobs and supporting local businesses.

Facilitators: Kirsten Issacson, Weatherize for Good; Jim Plantico, Abacus Energy Solutions; Steve McGrath, Sustainable Solutions Unlimited.

■ **New Life for Brownfields (Roundtable)**

Location: Balcony 201

Discuss what risks you and your faith community potentially face in urban soil and water. Find out about local opportunities and resources to assess, clean-up, plan and redevelop land that could be contaminated.

Facilitators: Jenn Bildersee, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services; Cassie Cohen, Groundwork Portland.

■ **Weaving Celebration and Ritual into Earth Care, Part 2 (Roundtable)**

Location: Sanctuary, right side

See previous description under Roundtable 1.

■ **Green Building: The Passivhaus Standard**

Location: Balcony 202

The Passivhaus Standard is a rapidly growing approach to green building which cost-effectively achieves a 90 percent reduction of building energy loads, while delivering superior indoor air quality and dramatically increasing thermal comfort. This presentation will provide an overview of the Passivhaus approach and offer a case study of one of the first Passivhaus office buildings currently being built for a non-profit Latino farm workers union in Woodburn, Oregon.

Facilitator: Dylan Lamar, BSCE, M Arch, CPHC -Architect and Energy Consultants of Green Hammer.

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Would you like to help plan or host the 2013 Earth Care Summit? If so, call Jenny Holmes at (503) 221-1504, ext. 214.

PRAY, REFLECT, CELEBRATE & ACT

Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns offers speakers, consultants, workshops and resources to help congregations care for earth. We invite your congregation to designate an "Earth Care Coordinator" who will serve as a two-way connection and receive special resources and support for being a leader or resource for earth care in your congregation. We have volunteers and staff who can consult with your congregation on its greening efforts.

Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership empowers faith communities, farmers and neighborhoods to build rural-urban alliances and create innovative partnerships for just and sustainable food systems that promote community health. We are developing models that enable congregations to use their land, facilities, people, and values of justice and stewardship to build local food systems that are accessible to all. The Congregational Wellness Project engages faith communities in promoting health and wellness—both within their congregations and outside of their walls. Find resources at www.faithandwellness.org.

Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL) engages the faith community to strive for accountability in our individual and collective energy decisions in an interdependent world. OIPL offers educational and consulting services, resources and information regarding energy stewardship and the Energy Stewardship Covenant—a program to help congregations identify actions to take and benchmark success.

A Few EMO and INEC Opportunities and Events

February 10-12 (or later in 2012): National Preach-in

Interfaith Power & Light is inviting clergy to preach a sermon on caring for creation, especially on climate change. Also consider hosting a film screening or discussion. Get materials and DVDs from OIPL. Call (503) 221-1054, ext. 214.

March 3: Community Gardens for Congregations Workshop.

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Tualatin United Methodist Church, 20200 SW Martinazzi Ave. Create a community garden that will make connections with your community, reduce hunger and care for God's creation. Call (503) 221-1054, ext. 210, to register.

April 24 and 26: Congregations Caring for Watersheds and Wildlife

5:30 to 8 p.m. Workshops to improve congregational land stewardship in Multnomah County (West County on April 24, East County on April 26). For more information, call (503) 221-1054, ext. 210.

Earth Words: Deadline August 31

You are invited to submit or nominate a sermon, homily, or other written and spoken faith message on care for creation. The faith message will be judged on clarity and focus of the entire sermon, aesthetic appeal, theological foundation, call to action and creativity. For more information, go to www.emoregon.org/power_light.php.

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Organizations and Government Agencies

Josiah Hill III Clinic, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Friends of Trees, Weatherize for Good, Our Oceans, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, Depave, Oregonians for Renewable Energy Policy, Oregon Food Bank, Groundwork Portland, Urban League of Portland, Earth Wisdom Alliance, Environmental Protection Agency Portland Harbor Superfund Site

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Green Hammer, Draper Girls Country Farm, Dancing Roots Farm, Sauvie Island Organics, Mustard Seed Farms, LiveLight Energy

THIS EVENT IS DEDICATED TO THE REV. WAYNE HILL

The Rev. Wayne Hill was a beloved leader who placed the poor and vulnerable at the forefront of his environmental witness. He passed away on Dec. 11, 2011. After retiring from a distinguished career as a United Methodist pastor, he continued to work for a just and sustainable world, as well to nurture leadership. He was chair of the Oregon Interfaith Global Warming and helped organize its 2000 kick-off event.

MISSION OF INEC

We connect, inform, inspire and empower people, congregations and religious institutions to work for justice and the care and renewal of the earth.

We foster an awareness that care for creation is integral to a life of faith.

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